

VILAS COUNTY RECREATIONAL TRAILS SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minutes of September 18, 2014 Meeting

Vilas County Courthouse, Conference Room 3, Eagle River, WI

PRESENT: Rocky Cafferella, Committee Chair; Kim Simac, Vice Chair & Equine Rep; Art Kunde, VC Supervisor; Dale Mayo, VC Parks & Recreation Administrator; Gina Egan, VC Public Health; Gerald Ritter, VC Sheriff's Dept.; Cindy Burzinski, VC Tourism/Publicity; Dennis Horan, VC Alliance VP; Tim Price, DNR Law Enforcement; Stan Guif, Alliance Rep SW; Leo Crawley, Alliance Rep NW; Holly Tomlanovich, Alliance Rep SE; Roger Flaherty, ATV Rep; Mike Robillard, Bike Rep. in place of Jeff Currie

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Mike Keintz, Alliance Rep NE; Jeff Currie, Bike Rep.

GUESTS: VC Sheriff Joseph Fath

Meeting called to order at 9am by Chair Cafferella

Verification of posting of meeting - Mayo

Approve agenda to be discussed in any order at the discretion of the Chair. Motion by Crawley. Second by Guif. Motion carried.

Approval of minutes from the August 21, 2014 meeting. Motion by Mayo. Second by Kunde. Motion carried.

Budget Report – Mayo – Opening Balance of \$2171.00. Expense of \$1078.42 – payment of Safety Coaster invoice. \$521 paid from Budget resulting in 0 Balance. \$557.42 paid from Outside Revenue Account. Ending Balance of \$1092.58. The proposed budget for the coming fiscal year is \$5000. Earmarked as \$2000-ATV; \$2000-Snowmobile & \$1000 Other Activities by VC Finance Manager.

Public Health – Egan- \$1500 available to be applied to Child related Safety Projects. Committee to supply idea for use to Public Health. Attended a DOT meeting relative to bike lane proposals for Hwy's 45/70 & 17. Target date is the Fall of 2016-2017. Public Hearings to begin February, 2016.

DNR Report – Price – The safety sign is currently placed in Trail 13N adjacent to Hometown ShopKo presenting Aquatic Species. Discussion on color & graphics as to visibility.

Alliance Report – Crawley – Meeting September 17, 2014 in Conover. The Safety message coasters were passed around. All 11 Snowmobile Club Rep's were asked to go back to their clubs to develop a list of locations for placement of coasters & estimated number required.

Advertising, Public Relations – Burzinski – Motion by Crawley to change the current Vilas County Snowmobile Safety Committee to the new Vilas County Recreational Safety Committee logo for the WJFW safety messages.

PSA's – Burzinski will rewrite PSA's for the winter season to reflect the change to the Recreation Trail Committee.

Cafferella – Asked about Safety Placemat production. Tabled until after the first of the year.

Discussion of Designated Recreation Trails – Burzinski - Groomed Winter Riding Trails for Fat Tire Bikes in Manitowish Waters/Winchester. Currently no designated trails for Adventure Motor Bike Riders. Simac – Limited access to Equestrian Trails. Mayo – This is one of the purposes of the Ad Hoc Trails Committee; to lay out trails with all user groups interacting.

Burzinski asked if the safety posters would be implemented this season & how many needed. Mayo to have total at October meeting.

Sheriff's Report – Ritter – Addresses biking rules. Robillard said that for the trail riders messaging could be implemented at the trail head kiosks. The on road riders more complicated. Discussion of Safety Schools, Bike Rodeo's, Signing, Wisconsin Bike Federation. Simac – Equestrian Safety School.

Ritter suggested the Committee develop a Trail Safety Plan. Expansion of the current TIN System used on the Snowmobile Trails. Burzinski said that all trails are GPS mapped so implementation to a TIN system could be an easy transition. Logistics would have to be worked out.

Recreation Administrator Report – Mayo – Snowmobile Alliance in full support of a Recreation Officer. He fully supports numbering system for all trails.

Member Items – Robillard explained the new delineated bike trail providing the transition from 3 Eagle Trail to GHT. The 2 block section from the Dairy Queen crossing south to the Depot.

Date for next meeting – Thursday, October 16 2014 – 9:30am – Vilas County Courthouse Rooms 2 & 3.

Adjourn – 10:15am by Chair Cafferella

Respectfully submitted by Holly A. Tomlanovich